

PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHES DHL ACCOUNT TO FACILITATE MILITARY VOTER
BALLOT RETURN

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Pennsylvania has established an account with DHL, the international express shipping company, to facilitate the speedy return of completed absentee ballots for military personnel in IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN and KUWAIT. These voters can utilize DHL's services to return their completed absentee ballots to their county boards of election by the extended deadline of 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2004 (see Voting News Release #22).

Although the ballot deadline extension will allow extra days for the return of ballots from overseas, these ballots must be time-stamped/received by DHL by 8:00 p.m. EST on November 2, 2004 (Afghanistan: 5:00 a.m. EST, November 3, 2004; Iraq and Kuwait: 4:00 a.m., November 3, 2004). Please pay close attention to the closing time of the location nearest you (listed below). Voters must send their ballots directly to their county board of elections which can be found at the following link:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/02_voter_registration_applications/absenteeballot/electboardaddress.html>.

The account information and further information about this ballot return initiative can be found at DHL locations in the these countries and from Pennsylvania National Guard commanders serving in the these countries. You may also obtain the DHL account number by calling the Federal Voting Assistance Program at 1-800-438-VOTE (8683), (703) 588-1584, DSN 425-1343 or by fax at (703) 588-8438, DSN 425-8438.

For those Uniformed Services members and overseas citizens who have not received their Pennsylvania state absentee ballot, you may still vote and submit a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). FWABs may be obtained from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate, a Unit Voting Assistance Officer, an overseas citizen organization such as the Democrats Abroad or Republicans International Abroad, or use the official on-line version of the FWAB that is available at <<http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefwab.html>>.

IRAQ DHL maintains two locations in Baghdad's Green Zone and seven other locations around Iraq. The addresses and hours of the locations are as follows:

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DHL International
Palestine Hotel
Street 47
Mahallat 102
Baghdad, Iraq
Tele: +964 1 8875641
Sat-Fri 0800-1700
Holidays 0800-1700

DHL International
U.S. Embassy
APO AE 09316
Baghdad, Iraq
Tele: (Consular Section) 00-1-240-553-0584 x 4354
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Balad Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Basra Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Kirkuk Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Mosul Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Talil Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Tikrit Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL International
Umm Qasr Airfield
Sat-Thur 0800-1700
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

AFGHANISTAN DHL maintains two locations in Afghanistan at the Kandahar and Bagram Airbases. The addresses and hours of the locations are as follows:

DHL International
Kandahar Airbase
Afghanistan
Sat-Fri 1100-1900
Holidays 1100-1900

DHL International
Bagram Airbase
Bagram
Afghanistan
Sat-Fri 1200-1800
Holidays 1200-1800

KUWAIT DHL maintains three locations in Kuwait at Darwan, Farwaniya and Kuwait City. The addresses and hours of the locations are as follows:

DHL Kuwait Co. Ltd
Arabian Gulf Street
Dasman
Kuwait
Sat-Thu 0800-2100
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL Kuwait Co. Ltd
Ground Floor, Next to Entrance No. 3
Farwaniya
Kuwait
Sat-Thu 0800-2000 / Closed 1300-1600
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

DHL Kuwait Co. Ltd
Ground Floor, Next to Pizza Hut
Kuwait City
Kuwait
Sat-Wed 0800-1830
Thur 1000-1600
Fri Closed
Holidays Closed

The FVAP can be contacted through the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC). Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free from 64 countries using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov. The VIC provides recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections, 24 hours a day.

Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Additionally, the FVAP can be reached via e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov and on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.